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HOUSE RESOLUTION 151
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Mr. Hart Hastings of
Bedford County.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Hart Hastings, a Bedford County farmer and a pioneer in motorsports in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings was also a retired employee of Uniroyal; during his long and distinguished career with Uniroyal, he had earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unremitting dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, A native of Bedford County, Mr. Hastings was the son of Dewey Smith Hastings and Hazel Woods Hart Hastings, both of whom preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, A noble son of the soil, he was proud of the fact that he still owned and farmed the land that had been in his family for 100 years; his grandfather, Joe Hastings, was a

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tremendous influence on Mr. Hastings' life, and he treasured his grandfather's many stories of his early days growing up during the Depression; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work on the land, Mr. Hastings had earned acclaim as one of the pioneers of motorsports in the Southeast during the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for his singular talent in building race cars, especially in building engines, Mr. Hastings had won championships at NASCAR tracks throughout the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, The ever popular and always powerful Number 14 car, which was owned by Mr. Hastings and his partners, George and Brooks Tune, was driven, at various times, by several legendary drivers, including Bobby Allison, Donnie Allison, Freddy Fryar, Charley Griffith, and George Bonee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings thoroughly enjoyed his association with the Class of '49, an active group of his classmates who took great pleasure in each other's company, especially during their annual trip to Pigeon Forge; and

WHEREAS, He was also active in First Families of Tennessee and the maintenance of Center Cemetery, where his grandparents are buried; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings was a man of strong convictions: he believed deeply in God, dearly loved his family and home, and handled his illness with a strength and courage which amazed his family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, His membership at the Fairlane Church of Christ Church was testament to the strong Christian faith instilled into him by his mother; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Patricia Gill Hastings; he is also survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Hart "Joe" Hastings and Sheila Hastings; his son, James Dewey "Jim" Hastings; and five grandchildren, Rebecca Hazel Hastings, Christina Kay Hastings, Alex Christopher Hastings, John Dewey Hastings and Megan Patricia Hastings; and

WHEREAS, Hart Hastings leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. Hart Hastings, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his bountiful life as a farmer, husband and father, his instrumental role in the development of motorsports, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Hastings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.